

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239

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WHEREAS, in October, 2004, Ted Kooser of Garland, Nebraska, was the first Nebraskan and the first Great Plains poet named as Poet Laureate of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ted Kooser's acclaimed tenure as poet laureate, originally scheduled to end in May, 2005, has been extended a year; and

WHEREAS, Ted Kooser is the author of ten collections of poetry. Among other awards and distinctions, he has received two National Endowment of the Arts fellowships in poetry, the Pushcart Prize, the Stanley Kunitz Prize, the James Boatwright Prize, the Society of Midland Authors Prize (twice), and a Merit Award from the Nebraska Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2005, Ted Kooser won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his book *Delights & Shadows*; and

WHEREAS, Ted Kooser now teaches as a visiting professor in the English department of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Ted Kooser's labor on behalf of promoting the reading, reflection, and celebration of poetry is rain where the summers parch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature salutes Ted Kooser for his
poetry, his distinguished service as Poet Laureate, his many
awards, including the Pulitzer Prize, and his service on behalf of
the power of language.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Vera's boy,
Ted.